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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

134th meeting.

January 21, 1913.

President Morgan in the chair. Present about 60 members and guests. The communication of the evening was by Mr. William Edgar Rogers on "The Historic Potomac" and contained incidents and data connected with the lower part of the river, thus completing the history whose first part was given in February, 1912.

Dr. William Tindall followed with a communication describing Booth's escape from Washington after the assassination of President Lincoln, his subsequent wanderings and final capture. In the ensuing discussion, President Morgan, Messrs. Kiefer, Rogers, Clark and Mesdames Foster, Hull, Downing and Richardson took part.

At the 19th Annual Meeting the Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Curator and Chronicler presented their annual reports, and the Society elected its officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Richardson requested the President to bring before the Society, as he had already presented to the Board, the feasibility of holding some of our meetings at private houses, historic mansions if possible. Mrs. Baker, Dr. Tindall, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Foster, Mr. De Caidry and Mrs. Downing discussed the plan, all from a favorable standpoint. Vice-President Clark put his parlors at the service of the Society.

The following resolution was moved by Vice-President Clark and seconded by Mrs. Richardson:

Resolved: That the members of the Columbia Historical Society attending the 19th Annual Meeting held January 21, 1913, desiring to put themselves on record as favoring the Lincoln Memorial on the Potomac Driveway at the Nation's Capital, authorize the President of the Society to instruct the Secretary to embody the same in a communication to the Library Committee of the House of Representatives. Carried and the Secretary so instructed.

135th meeting.

February 18, 1913.

President Morgan with 240 members and guests listened to Thomas Nelson Page, LL.D., in a communication on "Some Fallacies about the Laying Out of the City of Washington, D. C." Messrs. Clark, Bryan, Bundy and Weller took part in the discussion and President Morgan, desiring Vice-President Clark to take the chair, read excerpts from original letters from Washington, Jefferson, L'Enfant and others pertinent to the subject.

136th meeting.

March 18, 1913.

Vice-President Allen C. Clark in the chair. Present about 60 members and guests.

The first communication of the evening was a "Report on the Finding of the Southern Corner Stone of the District of Columbia" made by Mr. Fred E. Woodward. Mr. Larner offered the following Resolution:

Resolved: That the Columbia Historical Society tenders to Mr. Fred E. Woodward its thanks for his successful work in locating and uncovering the first boundary stone of the District of Columbia, and that the recommendation in his communication that a suitable tablet be placed to locate permanently the spot, be referred to the board of managers of the Society for such action as they may be pleased to take. Resolution adopted by a rising vote.

The second communication was a "Sketch of Ex-Mayor Sayles J. Bowen" by William Tindall, M.D., and the subject was discussed by Messrs. Weller, Bryan, Bundy, D. J. Callahan and J. I. Kiefer.

137th meeting.

April 15, 1913.

President Morgan with the Reception Committee welcomed about 200 members and guests. Mr. W. B. Bryan gave an informal talk on what the Octagon House stood for, the taste in architecture of a hundred years ago. Mr. Glenn Brown followed with an outline of the historic personages and events

connected with the house; its dilapidated condition when bought by the American Institute of Architects, what they had done in the way of restoration and what they hoped to do in the future, closing his remarks by telling of the pleasure the late Mr. Frank D. Millet took in furnishing, in colonial style, the room in which the Society was then gathered.

Mr. Washington Topham moved a silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Millet who had gone calmly and bravely to his death, just one year ago, on the ill-fated *Titanic*. All present rose and stood for a few moments in silence, recalling the tragedy of the north Atlantic.

Reminiscences, traditions, facts and superstitions connected with the House were told by Dr. Marcus Benjamin, Mr. Dennis, the Rev. Wm. Tayloe Snyder, Mr. Larner, Dr. Tindall, Mr. Shoemaker, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Richardson, Dr. Joseph Bryan, Mr. Harkness and Mr. Weller. Refreshments were served in the dining room.

The Reception Committee consisted of:

Mrs. Richardson,	Miss M. Perry Brown,
Mrs. Baker,	Miss Maud Burr Morris,
Mrs. Morgan,	Miss Jackson,
Mrs. Carr,	Mr. Glenn Brown,
Miss Riggs,	Hon. Cuno Rudolph,
Mrs. Hull,	Mr. Hennen Jennings,
Mrs. Beall,	Mr. Wm. C. Eustis.
Mrs. Glenn Brown,	

To the hearty co-operation of all those named, the success of this meeting is due and the generosity of ten of the members of the Committee prevented the Society from incurring any additional expense.

138th meeting.

May 20, 1913.

Mr. William Henry Dennis in the chair. Present about 85 members and guests.

Mr. M. I. Weller in his communication took up the subject of "Captain Henry Fleete, his Visit to Tohoga (now the City

of Washington) in 1623, and his subsequent Adventures." The subject was discussed by Messrs. Bundy, Clark, Tindall, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Richardson. On motion of Judge Bundy, Mr. Weller received a rising vote of thanks.

139th meeting.

November 18, 1913.

President Morgan in the chair. Present about 95 members and guests. Mrs. Abby Gunn Baker talked about the "Restoration of the White House after its Burning by the British," and the resulting discussion was participated in by Messrs. Clark, Dennis, Bryan, Daniel Smith Gordon and Mrs. Beall.

140th meeting.

December 16, 1913.

With about 50 members and guests, President Morgan listened to Mr. Henry C. Gauss in the communication of the evening on "The Title Deeds of the City of Washington, D. C.," and enjoyed the thirty or more handsome lantern-slides of old and new Washington. The subject of the communication was discussed by President Morgan, Messrs. Weller, Tindall, Rogers, the Rev. Mr. Van Schaick and Mrs. Richardson.